

In the Specification

Page 2, line 33 to page 3, line 2:-

In our co-pending application serial number ~~08/xxx-09/624,123~~ (11862ID Mauger) the use of a two-layer MPLS network in order to simplify the management of Virtual Public/Private Networks (VPN) is described. In this application, the use of a three-label stack provides connection oriented behaviour for voice traffic whilst retaining strict edge control analogous to standard IP network operation. The use of a three layer, five stage hierarchical network of routers enables the technique to be employed over an international or global network.